COMMENT ON SPORTS

By Pete Fritchie

Washington,- Looking back on the football season, the television highlight once again was the Army-Navy game, even though Army ran out of gas.

Almost on a par, in drama, was the Notre Dame - Oklahoma game. But the latter featured one team that played dull ball (Oklahoma) and, therefore, the Army - Navy game must get the nod.

That Navy team, which we think could have beaten Oklahoma several touchdowns (it beat Notre Dame decisively), threw the ball at all times, played wide-open ball and thoroughly deserved to win, which it did, 14-0.

Army didn't have the passing game with which to stay in it, though the Cadets tried and even gambled, admirably, at times. For zip, that old college try, and general effort, the Army-Navy game still is tops.

All of which takes us out to Colorado, where the Air Force cadets are fielding a team. The fliers however, aren't getting anywhere very fast and something may be needed to speed up progress if the biggest of the three services is to compete with the Middies and the Black Knights on the gridiron.

There is no reason why the arrival of the Air Force team should not transform the single service classic into three slam-bang football classics a year, in time. They would be Army-Navy, Army - Air Force, and Navy-Air Force.

But that time is not yet at hand. The Air Force team this year was kicked around by several medium-strength teams. Yet the Air Force should have some splendid football prospects, for it certainly gets its share or more of the pick of the nation's youth these days.

Virginia is a good place to do business. Figured on the per capita income in 1955, the average Virginian earned $1,635. In 1930, on the same basis, it was only $384.

The national 1957 highway death toll may be 1,000 less than that of last year, the National Safety Council estimated.

Prime Minister Nehru has appealed to "the great leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union" to end nuclear tests and agree on disarmament.

A new air record has been set by Capt. Robert Sweet, 30-year-old air force pilot, who flew a sweptwing jet Voodoo across the country and back in less than seven hours.

Red Cross Bloodmobile to be in Appomattox Monday, Dec. 16. Volunteer donors are needed.

For Egg-Lovers

A specialist in matters of nutrition estimates there are 742,000 ways of serving an egg. —Milwaukee Journal.

Bloodmobile to be in Appomattox Monday, Dec. 16. Volunteers urged to give a pint of blood.

A. H. S. has won its first two basketball games this season.

Defense spending for coming fiscal year expected to increase approximately $2,000,000,000 to $40,000,000,000.

Cold wave spans the nation.

Of Interest To Veterans

According to the November report of the Ohio Korean bonus fund director, Ohio has paid $307,009.08 to the 1218 veterans now living in Virginia, who were residents of Ohio when they entered active duty in the Korean War. The average paid is $252.06 per veteran. Applications from eligible veterans may be filed until December 31, 1958.

Lynchburg General Hospital Program

Plans for a greatly enlarged indoctrination program for boys and girls of high school age were discussed at the luncheon meeting of the Area Advisory Council of the Lynchburg General Hospital, held at the hospital.

The 24 members of the council, representing all the neighboring counties from which come the patients for the hospital, will arrange with principals of the high schools in their area for a meeting, to take place in the spring, between students interested in a career in any phase of medicine and members of the high school staff.

The staff members will discuss the various job opportunities in medicine which are open to men and women.

The students will be urged to spend a few days, or better yet, their summer vacation, as volunteer workers at the hospital so that they may become better acquainted with different phases of medicine.

Appomattox County is represented on the Lynchburg Hospital's Area Advisory Board.

Woman Enjoys Her Job of Teaching About Shoplifters

ALLENTOWN, Pa.—A Bronx woman has what is probably the oldest job in the world . . . she is a professional shoplifter . . . and her duties are to visit a large department store a couple of times a week and see exactly how many items she can steal in the store. It's all part of a training program instituted at the store to train co-workers to be on the lookout for shoplifters.

She is Mrs. Mary Dragoti, attractive wife of a locksmith and mother of a 14 year old boy and 8 year old girl.

In the training program inaugurated by Max Hess, Allentown retailer, Mrs. Dragoti instructs store employees in the devices and tricks used by shoplifters and wears a mask in her classes for, security purposes. As part of her course, she wanders undisguised through the store utilizing her skill and if any store employee catches her in the act of "shoplifting," they receive a reward from Max Hess.

Starting her department store career as a salesgirl, Mrs. Dragoti was quick to spot shoplifters pilfering merchandise from her firm. Her keen sense of detection was responsible for her being promoted to the post of store detective by her employer. Recently, she became "professional shoplifter" working in the interest of Law enforcement.

Foreign Trade In Free World

The vital importance of international trade to the Free World is shown in figures compiled by the Bank for International Settlements. Of the eight countries surveyed, the Netherlands was most dependent on foreign trade, with imports the equivalent of 47 per cent of its gross national product in 1956 and exports 36% per cent.

Comparable ratios of about 20 per cent or more were reported for Sweden and Switzerland. For the United Kingdom, imports represented 19 per cent of gross national product last year and exports 16 per cent. France, Western Germany and Italy showed comparable ratios of 10 per cent or better. By contrast, the proportions for the United States were just over 3 per cent for imports and some 4 per cent for exports, indicating America's greater self-sufficiency and the predominant role the domestic market plays in the U.S. economy.

Married Suffer Least From Heart Disease

NEW YORK—Coronary heart disease, the commonest form of heart disease today, is least frequent among young married women, among persons living in the rural part of the southern states, and among those who have no history of premature death or occurrance of heart disease in the family.

A study of recorded mortality from heart disease by statisticians reveals variations according to age, sex, weight, race, marital status, geographic region, and other factors.

Up to age 45, the death rate from heart disease runs up to 6.6 times as high for white man as for white women. The ratio decreases progressively with advance in age, until at ages 85 and over, the rates for the two sexes among white persons are about the same. Among non-whites, the sex differences are much smaller, and do not vary much with age.

Heart disease death rates are significantly higher for the widowed, the single, and the divorced than for the married. It would appear, therefore, that the factors associated with married life—selectivity of marriage and the more favorable environment of the married—influence the level of mortality from the disease.

Traffic Accidents Kill More Than Korean War

Motor vehicle fatalities in the first half of this year resulted in a record 22,000 life insurance death claims, representing $54,000,000 of aggregate death benefits, the Institute of Life Insurance reports.

This was $9,000,000 more in benefits and 1,000 more claims than a year ago and appears to assure that the 1957 total of claims will exceed $100,000,000 for the first time. The number of claims this year will add up to more than aggregate battle deaths of U. S. armed forces in the three years of the Korean War, according to the Institute.

Bashful Beauties

WHITESTABLE, England — The job for the judges became more simplified here when fifty of 62 beauty contestants dropped out of the contest at the last minute because they were too shy to go on the stage and be judged.

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Advent Church
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Appomattox
chool, 9:30 A. M.
ervice, 11:00 A. M.
ss Secrets Revealed."

Episcopal Church
(The After Advent)
Church School.
Morning Prayer
—Mr. and Mrs. Peter

Methodist Circuit
D. Smith, Pastor
Mt. Comfort.
of Christmas."
Sermon.
Stopped Down."
Bethel.
Organ.
of Christmas."

Methodist Church
. Bergdoll, Pastor
chool, 9:45 A. M.
Worship, 11:00 A. M.
Hugo Hagen, Executive
the Virginia Confer-
Extension Board, will
"There's a Song
Rogers; and "Glory
Homeland, will be pre-
Sanctuary Choir.
Worship, 7:30 P. M.
Service of the
Lord. The pastor will
of scenes from the Holy
music will be render-
Youth Choir.

Baptist Church
I. Greene, Pastor
chool, 9:45 A. M.
Worship, 11:00 A. M.
Union, 6:30 P. M.
Service, Thursday, 7:30 P. M.

Pentecostal
Holiness Church
. LeRoux, Pastor
School, 10:00 A. M.
Worship, 11:00 A. M.
Service, 6:30 P. M.
Service, 7:30 P. M.
Prayer Meeting

...day transit strike ends

Liberty Chapel Baptist Church
Rev. S. A. Dunn, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
Preaching: 1st and 3rd nights, at 7:30.
2nd and 4th mornings, at 11:00.
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The Appomattox Pentecostal Holiness Church
Pastor, Rev. L. A. Pfaff
Sunday School, 10 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11 A. M.
Evening Worship, 7:30 P. M.

Liberty Baptist Church
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11 A. M.
B. T. U., 6:30 P. M.
Evening Service, 7:30 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday at 8:00 P. M. Evening Worship 7:30 P. M.
Nursery open for infants through three years of age.

New Hope Baptist Church
Charles R. Addington, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.
B. T. U., 6:30 P. M.
Evening Worship, 7:30 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.
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Ferrum College Program

Oscar Chapman, former Secretary of the Interior of the United States, will be the speaker for the Rededication Services to be held on the Ferrum Junior College campus on March 7, 1958.

In making this preliminary announcement, C. Ralph Arthur, president of the college, said that each Methodist church - related college is being asked by the Methodist General Board of Education to hold services of rededication to the work and purposes of the colleges' sponsor.

Paul Neff Garber, Bishop of the Richmond Area, will lead the Rededication Service and will select other persons to participate from the Commission on Higher Education of the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Church.

In the afternoon of that same day, a memorial service will be held as a tribute to the founder of the college, Dr. Benjamin M. Beckman, who died recently.

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NAZARETH

By Rev. R. A. Bergdoll
Pastor Memorial Methodist Church

Among the amazing events of the Advent Season, the strangest is the historical obscurity of Nazareth, residence of Mary and Joseph at the time of the birth of Jesus. This city of lower Galilee in Palestine is mentioned neither in the Old Testament nor the Apocrypha, nor by Flavius Josephus, the contemporary Jewish historian. However, the favored location of this historic city in the midst of a wide-spreading fertile plain and the presence of several springs with its borders, would suggest a very ancient settlement. The surrounding limestone deposits and the mountaineous terrain easily account for an early literary reference to the "white house of the hill," whence wine for the drink offering was brought.

The writer of the First Gospel, Matthew, informs us that Joseph brought his wife, Mary, and the Baby Jesus from Egypt and "came and dwelt in the city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, shall be called a Nazarene." The Gospel Writer most likely had reference to the words of the Prophet Isaiah — "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots." The Hebrew word for "Branch" is nasar, and the similiar Aramaic word, Nisra, is translated "Sprout." The two words are also translated 'watch', 'protected' or 'guardian' in the sense of a watch-tower, which strongly suggests a settlement in Esdraelon, the great plain of Lowe. Galilee. This residence of the parents of the Holy Child could easily have been known in ancient times as "the town of the off-shoot," and its surroundings provided a most inspirational atmosphere for the developing life of Jesus.

Nazareth was very significantly located 18 miles east of Mt. Carmel, made famous by the episodes in the lives of two of Israel's most illustrious prophets, Elijah and Elisha. Mt. Tabor was just 6 miles to the east, upon the heights of which Barak and Deborah assembled the forces of Israel to battle Sisera and his comrades of Canaan. To the southeast only 15 miles distant, was the imposing Mt. Gilboa where Saul, the first king of the united Israel met his death at the hands of the Philistines. Megiddo, one of the most important ancient cities of Canaan, stood to the southwest only 11 miles, which figured so prominently in the life of the Israelites as they settled the Promised Land. To the east of Nazareth about 15 miles was the city of Tiberias, the capital of Galilee during the residence in the land of the Holy Family. In addition to these surrounding places, the main highway leading from Egypt on the south to Damascus and Babylon on the north passed through the town of Jesus, and very naturally He became known far and wide as "Jesus of Nazareth" or "Jesus, the Nazarene."

So, understandingly enough, Jesus grew strong in the faith of the Fathers and prepared to be "about His Father's Business." Could it be that His material environment had as much to do with the strength and power of His personality as His spiritual heredity?

DEATHS

THOMAS T. EVANS

Thomas Tucker Evans, 76, farmer, of Evergreen, died at his home yesterday morning. He was born on December 24, 1880, at Evergreen, the son of the late John William Evans and Mrs. Martha Pauline Evans. He was a member of Evergreen Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be conducted at the church Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

He is survived by three sons, Randolph, and Thomas Evans, both of Evergreen; and Reed Evans, of Lynchburg; three daughters, Mrs. W. S. Pope, Dillon, S. C.; Mrs. Frank Pringle, Jr., Harrisonburg; and Mrs. Edward Duffner, Lynchburg; a brother, W. C. Evans, of Narvna; and two sisters, Mrs. Callie Coleman, of Roanoke, and Mrs. Mamie Brown, Appomattox.

SUGAR-CANE BRICKS

Fort Myers, Fla.- Steven Chambers, construction man, has a patent pending on a process for making lightweight, low-cost bricks from sugar-cane pulp — after the juice is extracted from the cane. The brick ocsts twenty per cent less than an ordinary brick and weighs only one-third as much. It is waterproof, fire-proof, and contains its own insulation against heat and cold.

The Federal Reserve Board has given the nation's leveling-off economy an unexpected shot in the arm by cutting back its discount rate in four sections of the country. The immediate effect is to make it easier for banks to obtain money for lending to businesses and the general public.

The Civil Rights Commission will get to work early this month with it first problems those of finding a staff director and a headquarters.

Three U. S. Air Force jet bombers made a non-stop flight between the West Coast and the Philippines in just over seventeen hours.

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